

## THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF THE BROAD AX STILL LOOKING BACKWARD AND FORWARD.

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## CHAPTER II.

Taylor would do the wrapping and by half past 10 or 11 o'clock we would have the papers ready for the mail, and either late that same evening or real early the next morning, long before breakfast time, we would wend our way with the papers to the State street cars and climb on the front part of the old cable car, headed for the main post office, which was then located on the lake front.

We frequently returned to our home from the main postoffice on foot in order to save carfare.

But today, after firmly waving all pleasure aside for twenty-one years whenever any business has been in sight, The Broad Ax has hundreds and hundreds of staunch friends and supporters in all parts of this broad land and at the present time it has a regular mailing list more than sixty feet long and more than one hour is consumed by the man who operates the mailing machine and four or five girls who work real fast for more than an hour in assisting to get it ready for the mail, and now when it is ready an expressman drives at breakneck speed with the six sacks to the main post-office from whence it is transported through the mails to all parts of the United States.

Many times copies containing its bright and sparkling editorials and other articles on the leading topics of the day have been eagerly read by many of the most eminent statesmen and other distinguished personages in this country and far beyond the broad deep blue sea.

With the aid of the daily press, whose editors have frequently commented on its neat appearance from its inception to the present and with the further aid of the associated press, its name has been hurled or flashed clear around or throughout the civilized world.

It may not be out of place to state right here that for twenty-one years it has gallantly fought a long and persistent battle in behalf of justice and the equality of all men before the law. It has never knowingly attempted to transform grand rascals and scoundrels into purified white-winged angels.

It has never hesitated in denouncing those who have attempted to appropriate unto themselves all of the functions of this government and to ride rough shod over the rights and the liberties of the toiling millions. It has made not the slightest difference to it whether they have been Democrats, Republicans or what-nots.

It has accomplished many far-reaching and brilliant achievements in the past. Its two greatest have been its terrific and memorable onslaughts on United States Senator Frank J. Cannon of Utah, in 1897, 1898 and in 1899, causing his ignominious defeat in his attempt to succeed himself in the United States Senate and that long to be remembered fight on Senator Cannon has become a part of the history of Utah.

Its nation or world-wide fight on United States Senator Benjamin R. Tillman in 1906, is still fresh in the minds of the public, which finally terminated by driving him from the lecture platform.

For a more elaborate account of those two most notable events we most respectfully refer the readers of these lines to the columns of the nineteenth anniversary edition of The Broad Ax, dated September 5th, 1914.

It has assisted to shape the legislation of this mighty nation—this can be verified by reading senate document No. 182, 54th Congress second session, page 77, which contains an editorial from The Broad Ax, Feb. 19th, 1897, in favor of the present National Bankruptcy Law. Later on in this review; letters and a telegram will be produced to support our contention in this respect.

One of the finest mineral collections in this country valued at four hundred dollars, which was collected from 68 of the leading gold, silver, copper and lead mines of Utah, Nevada, Idaho and Montana and a typewritten catalogue giving a complete description of the one hundred and ninety-six specimens which compose the notable collection, were presented to the Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, by Mr. and Mrs. Julius F. Taylor in 1897. The letters and other documentary proof for this statement, can also be found in the columns of the nineteenth anniversary edition of this paper.

It can be stated with much pleasure, that one free copy of The Broad Ax has been sent each week to the Old Folks' Home, the Hull House and the Chicago Public Library from October 1, 1899, down to the present time.

It has been stated many times in the past by thousands of short-sighted people—those who are unfamiliar with the history of this publication and its owner—that its editor is very cold and selfish—that he is not interested in the affairs of anyone except for personal gains—that the paper is so small or insignificant that it exerts not the slightest influence over the minds of men—

such statements are as far from the truth as the bright shining sun is from the earth.

It can truthfully be said without the least fear of being successfully disputed namely, that the very first poem written by Fenton Johnson, when he was only eleven years old was published on the front page of this publication free of charge, February 24, 1900. His first poem ever published was entitled "Absalom's Death." At that time neither one of his parents nor any of his wealthy relatives were subscribers to this paper or interested in its success in any manner, shape or form in the slightest degree and it was out of the question that the sales of the paper would be increased by the appearance of his poem in its columns therefore there was only one motive that forced or compelled us to publish it and that was that we felt it was our solemn duty in our weak way to encourage and extend a helping hand to a young boy who had a sufficient amount of ambition to want to be somebody in the world of letters. At that time or on February 24, 1900, the following notation was made at the bottom of the poem by the writer:

"The above poem was written by Fenton Johnson, a young Afro-American poet, age 11 years and residing at 4847 Armour ave. "Today Mr. Johnson is the brilliant editor of the Champion Magazine, one of the recent monthly publications to make its appearance in this city.

Three years ago Mr. Johnson published his first book of poems entitled "A Little Dreaming" and the following inscription was written on the fly leaf of a copy of it which found its way to our humble abode.

"To Mr. and Mrs. Julius F. Taylor, in the columns of whose journal, The Chicago Broad Ax, appeared my first contribution, written at the age of eleven, in grateful commemoration Fenton Johnson, Chicago, July 22, 1913."

As long as we continue to breathe the breath of life we shall always feel very grateful indeed to Mr. Johnson for remembering us to that extent, which amply proves that he possesses those highly refined or cultured qualities which should ever be uppermost in the minds of all those who make the slightest pretensions of being educated, refined or civilized.

The following letters and telegram sheds much light on the important part played by this paper in connection with the passage of the present National Bankruptcy Law.

The Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C., January 18th, 1897. Julius F. Taylor, Editor of The Broad Ax, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:—

There will be sent to you by this mail a copy of a Senate document containing much valuable information upon the subject of bankruptcy legislation.

The Senate has made the bankruptcy bill a special order and no doubt will pass a bill before adjournment.

Will you kindly consider editorially the subject of bankruptcy legislation and kindly send me a marked copy of your paper?

Please observe from the printed matter on this letter head that the Torrey bill has been considered and very generally endorsed throughout the country, and has been twice passed by the House of Representatives.

The bill of Mr. Bailey of Texas, as modified, has been recommended as a substitute for ours by a majority of the Senate Committee; it has never so far as I know, been favorably recommended for enactment by any commercial, industrial or professional body in the country, but it, in effect, has been condemned by a number of them. Our bill has been reported favorably by a minority of the Committee.

Heretofore, the controversy has been as to whether or not Congress should enact a bankruptcy law as provided by the Constitution but the question now is whether or not there shall be enacted a complete equitable voluntary and involuntary law (the Torrey bill) or the temporary bill recommended as above which many good people believe would be detrimental to the best interests of the debtors and creditors of the whole country.

Earnestly hoping that you will give to the proper solution of this question the benefit of your influence, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely and truly yours  
JAY L. TORREY.

Received at Salt Lake, Utah.

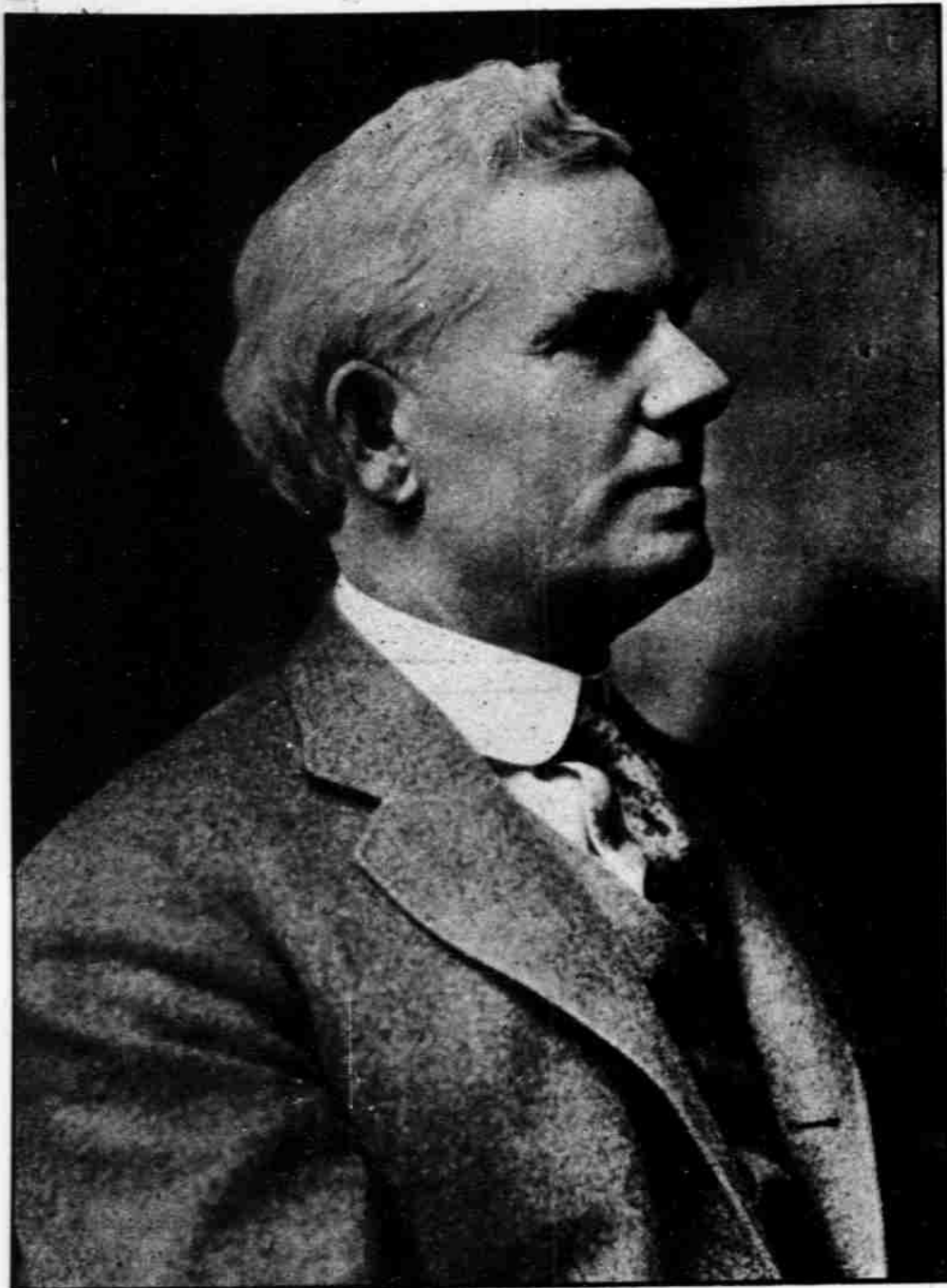
Feb. 25, 1897.

Dated Washington, D. C., 25.  
To Julius F. Taylor, Publisher and Editor The Broad Ax.

Please have urgent telegrams sent Senator Brown favoring Bankruptcy Legislation.

J. L. TORREY.

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HON. MARTIN B. MADDEN.

The uncompromising champion of the civil and political rights of the Afro-Americans, who has travelled from this city to Boston, Mass., to thunder forth against the many wrongs perpetrated upon them; Republican candidate for the re-nomination for member of Congress from the first congressional district of Illinois.

## HON. HOWARD JAYNE.

Howard Jayne of Monmouth, the leading Republican candidate for secretary of state, comes to Chicago backed by practically the unanimous vote of the Colored people down-state and at first observation he believes that the Negro populace of Cook County is going to give him their hearty support also.

In his home community, Jayne has done much for the Colored people. He had worked for their interests and has helped them financially in educational causes. For years he has been a friend and in Chicago he should easily get a majority vote. His life record is a record of achievement, a record carved out by himself and successful simply because he has put into his business affairs sane business judgment and tireless energy. There are many things to commend this man to the office to which he aspires. He is qualified in every respect and would make a first class official if elected.

Jayne is the popular candidate with

the people. He is advocating a more business-like administration of the state's business and in view of his qualifications and capabilities he is well fitted to handle the affairs. If nominated and elected Jayne will do the square thing. He declares there is more money spent at the capitol building than the general public is aware of and he is going to clean up at Springfield if the people place him in the office.

Howard Jayne started with overalls and was forced to study the up-keep of the pocketbook, which makes it possible for you to vote for a man who will assist in running a business-like administration if given the opportunity. He is at the head of three manufacturing plants and under his management labor troubles are unknown.

The Monmouth manufacturer has every chance in the world to be the Republican nominee for secretary of state and is confident that he will sweep both Chicago and the down-state with a big majority.



HON. HOWARD JAYNE.

First class business man of Monmouth, Ill. and Republican candidate for the nomination for Secretary of State, to be voted for at the State wide primaries, Wednesday, September 13.



HON. JAMES H. LAWLEY.

Republican candidate for the nomination for President and Trustee of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

Hon. James H. Lawley was born in Chicago in 1876 and is a genuine Chicago citizen in every sense of the word.

He was educated in the public schools of this city and is a graduate of the Illinois College of Law.

He has served the people of the Fourteenth Ward for five terms as a member of the City Council and his wise counsel has always been sought by the other members of the city legislative body.

He is at present chairman of the health committee of the City Council, a member of the gas, oil, and electric light committee, and has been a member of the latter for six years.

He has been a member of the finance committee for five years and has always stood for honesty and efficiency in the administration of municipal affairs. It was through Mr. Lawley's efforts that modern, up-to-date business methods were introduced into city af-

fairs in the preparation of the budget. He also caused to be introduced modern bookkeeping and accounting methods. He has always received the unqualified endorsement of civic bodies and has been praised by the press for securing budget reform.

Mr. Lawley is accustomed to handling big problems as a result of his experience on the various important council committees and in this work has often been brought in touch with sanitary district affairs, and he will make a tip-top president and trustee of the sanitary district of Chicago.

He is a member of the Phi Alpha Delta, Legal Fraternity, Garden City Lodge, A. F. & A. M., York Chapter, 148 R. A. M. Columbia Commandery No. 63, Medinah Temple, A. A. C., N. M. S., Knights of Pythias, Loyal Order of Moose National Union, and Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Do not fail to vote for him at the primaries, Wednesday, September 13th.



HON. MEDILL McCORMICK.

Republican candidate for congressman at large to be voted for at the state wide primaries Wednesday, September 13th. The indications are that his vast army of friends and supporters feel dead sure that he will receive the nomination for the honorable position he is seeking, with both hands down.